



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
(MBHB Case No. 98,475-B1)

In the Application of: )  
Paul Mertens et al. )  
Serial No.: 10/074,706 )  
Filed: February 13, 2002 )  
For: Method and Apparatus for Localized Liquid )  
Treatment of the Surface of a Substrate )

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF  
ALLOWABILITY MAILED ON JULY 23, 2004**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability mailed on July 29, 2004 in the above-referenced matter, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments to allowed claims 26, 42 and 43 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS** are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS** begin on page 10 of this paper.